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end-to-side anastomosis

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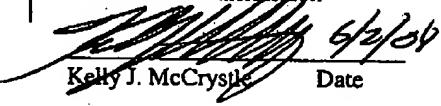
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows, and consider the remarks below. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.